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1. On 6 February 1953, a conference was held at the SCC Karlshorst in the presence of Otto Grotewohl and Walter Ulbricht. Subjects of discussion were reparation deliveries to the U.S.S.R., the supply situation, and the problem of the large number of refugees fleeing from East Germany.
2. The SCC severely criticized the poor quality of the reparation deliveries, the non-compliance with target dates, the development of the food situation in East Germany, and the large number of specialists who went to the West.
3. The SCC warned the East German representatives to take immediate measures to improve the quality of the reparation goods, accelerate their delivery, remedy the food situation, and halt the escape of refugees.
4. Wilhelm Zaisser, East German State Security Minister, was directed to tighten the controls on trains and have all refugees sent back to the SSD.
5. During the conference, Grotewohl criticized the intransigent attitude of the SED Central Committee represented by Ulbricht, which he termed responsible in no small measure for the grievances mentioned. Source learned that Grotewohl's criticism impressed the SCC.

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☐ Comment. The information is another indication of the latent differences between Grotewohl and Ulbricht.

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